

Chapter 2.66**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES****Sections:**

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Section 2.66.010 Title.

This Chapter shall be known as the City of Riverside "Commission on Disabilities Ordinance." (Ord. 6841 § 1, 2006)

Section 2.66.020 Establishment, Findings.

The City Council finds as follows:

A. It is the policy of the City of Riverside to promote the full integration and participation of persons with disabilities into all areas of economic, political and community life.

B. The City of Riverside is committed to utilizing all available resources and to coordinate efforts to removing barriers to full integration and participation of persons with disabilities.

C. Pursuant to Section 800 of the Riverside City Charter, there is hereby established a Commission on Disabilities for the City of Riverside. (Ord. 6841 § 1, 2006)

Section 2.66.030 Membership and Terms of the Commission on Disabilities.

A. The Commission on Disabilities shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

B. Members should consist of both persons with and without disabilities. Members should also represent a cross-section of the City's disability groups and include persons with professional experience representing or supporting persons with disabilities. Further, the diversity of the Commission is important to achieving its stated duties and functions. In that regard, there should be focused outreach activities to expand the pool of applicants for appointment to the Commission.

C. The term of each member of the Commission shall be for four years; provided, however, the initial appointment of the first eleven members after the effective date of this Chapter, shall be determined by a drawing at the Commission's first meeting to decide which members shall serve two, three and four year terms; three members shall serve two year terms, four members shall serve three year terms, and four members shall serve four year terms. The members first appointed to serve two year terms shall serve until March 1, 2008; the members first appointed to serve three year terms shall serve until March 1, 2009; and the members first appointed to serve four year terms shall serve until March 1, 2010. No person may serve more than two consecutive full terms. Service of more than one year shall be counted as service of one full term. (Ord. 6841 § 1, 2006)

Section 2.66.040 Powers, Duties and Functions.

The powers, duties and functions of the Commission on Disabilities are as follows:

- A. Advise the City Council on all matters affecting persons with disabilities in the community.
- B. Review community policies, programs and actions which affect persons with disabilities and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council.
- C. Render advice and assistance as requested to other City boards and commissions, to City departments, and to private agencies on matters affecting persons with disabilities.
- D. Identify the needs of persons with disabilities and create a public awareness of these needs in areas such as employment, housing, transportation, media, physical and communication accessibility and other needed areas.
- E. Promote greater awareness of the changing life patterns, opportunities and responsibilities of persons with disabilities.
- F. Promote the total integration of persons with disabilities into all aspects of community life.
- G. Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council. (Ord. 6841 § 1, 2006)

Section 2.66.050 Meetings, Rules and Procedures.

- A. The Commission shall annually elect one of its members to be chairperson and one of its members to be vice-chairperson.
- B. The Commission shall establish a regular time and place of meeting and shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson, or by a majority of the members of the Commission, upon written notice received by each member at least 24 hours prior to such meeting.
- C. The Commission shall make and alter rules governing its organization and procedures which are not inconsistent with this Chapter, the Riverside City Charter, or any other City ordinance, resolution or policy.
- D. The Commission shall keep a record of its proceedings and its transactions and shall submit an annual report to the City Council.
- E. An officer or employee designated by the City Manager shall serve as secretary of the Commission and provide staff support as necessary. (Ord. 6841 § 1, 2006)

Section 2.66.060 Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or its application is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions, sections or application of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end any phrase, section, sentence, or word is declared severable. (Ord. 6841 § 1, 2006)